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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ADA CASE

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL ADA ATTORNEY CARLOS JIMENEZ, THE SUPREME COUNCIL HAS NOT YET TAKEN ANY ACTION ON MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES VARGAS' SUGGESTION THAT OKC/HUMBOLDT ASSUME ADA'S SHARES AND ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHWEST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE GULF OF GUAYAQUIL. JIMENEZ WAS VAGUE ABOUT THE TERMS OF THE SUGGESTED DEAL. HE SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT OKC HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE ADA'S INVENTORY IN GUAYAQUIL, BUT THAT TERMS OF THE FINAL SETTLEMENT WERE STILL PENDING BETWEEN THE THREE COMPANIES.

2. JIMENEZ ALSO REPORTED THAT OKC/HUMBOLDT DID FILE SUIT AGAINST ADA LAST YEAR AND HAD REFUSED TO PAY ANY OF THE CONSORTIUM'S OPERATING COSTS; HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT OKC HAD NOT YET FORMALLY WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSORTIUM AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE SOME CLAIM TO AN EVENTUAL ADA SETTLEMENT.

3. WHILE EMBASSY IS CONTINUING TO TRY TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION LOCALLY, CURRENT UNSETTLED STATE OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING POSSIBLE CABINET CHANGES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, MAKE IT INFEASIBLE TO SEEK INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM GOE. WE WILL
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BE IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL REPS OF OKC AND NORTHWEST BUT THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO BE WELL-INFORMED. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WOULD CONTACT OKC PRESIDENT CLOYCE BOX, WHO APPARENTLY IS ARRANGING THE DEAL, TO DISCUSS SPECIFICALLY OKC'S INTENTIONS. EMBASSY FEELS HE WOULD BE VERY COOPERATIVE WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

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